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METHOD FOR PRODUCING PITCH-BASED CARBON FIBER SLIVER AND SPUN YARN Mail Stop: Amendment

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 THE COMMISSIONER IS AUTHORIZED TO CHARGE ANY DEFICIENCY IN THE FEE FOR THIS PAPER TO DEPOSIT ACCOUNT NO. 23-0975.

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action of March 31, 2009, please amend the above-identified application as follows: